

ENVIRONMENT

Goal: Enhance the Quality of Michigan's Natural Environment

Strategies to Achieve Goal

- Make the Great Lakes and Michigan's natural resources cleaner, safer and healthier.
- Protect and preserve more open space, farmland, forestland, and public land.
- Prevent, control or eradicate plant and animal diseases and pests that threaten our health, environment and economy.
- In order to foster both environmental performance and economic growth, reduce the time it takes to issue environmental permits.
- Enhance outdoor recreation and increase use of state facilities, parks and state sponsored recreation.

Indicators of Success

- Improved trends in fish and wildlife populations
- Increase in acres of farm, forest and public land protected from development
- Reduction in plant and animal diseases
- Increased use of Michigan's state parks and forests
- Improved trends in air and water quality
- Faster issuance of environmental permits without compromising standards